



Elly Rufer <elly.rufer@gmail.com>

ALERT: MORE CALLS NEEDED!

Margaret Puddington <margaret.puddington@gmail.com>
To: Margaret Puddington <margaret.puddington@gmail.com>
Bcc: elly.rufer@gmail.com

Mon, Feb 22, 2016 at 9:16 AM

COALITION OF FAMILIES FOR DIRECT SUPPORT STAFF

IN SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

c/o Margaret Puddington, 562 West End Avenue, 2A, New York, N.Y. 10024, [\(212\) 799-2042](tel:2127992042)

***FAMILIES, DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS,
EDUCATION STAFF***

**CALL THE GOVERNOR
AND YOUR LEGISLATORS
RIGHT AWAY!!!!**

Governor Cuomo did not include funding to implement a minimum wage increase for low wage workers in programs for people with developmental disabilities or in school programs **in his 30 day amendments.**

Therefore, we are launching a second round of calls and letters to

legislators and the Governor imploring them to include such funding in the final budget agreement.

Governor Cuomo MUST add funding for his proposed minimum wage increase in his budget amendments.

- **Governor Cuomo has proposed a \$15 minimum wage for all. But he failed to include funding to raise the salaries for Direct Support Professionals, Special Education staff, and other low-wage workers in non-profit agencies.**
- **Non-profit providers cannot raise wages without additional funding from the state. These providers rely exclusively on the state for funding; they have no other sources of revenue (unlike McDonald's, which can raise its prices or cut profits).**

CALL the Governor, Your Senator and Assemblymember, and SAY:

Governor Cuomo and our legislators MUST PROVIDE FUNDING in the budget for the \$15 minimum wage proposal!

Non-profit organizations funded by the state provide services to people with developmental disabilities. But non-profit providers cannot raise wages for their staff without additional state funding.

Direct support and special education staff are highly trained and bear tremendous responsibility. They deserve more than the minimum wage. **The state must provide funding for appropriate increases for the staff who work tirelessly caring for people with developmental disabilities.**

CONTACT Information:

1. **Governor (518) 474 -1041 and press 3 to speak to an assistant**
2. **Senate switchboard (518) 455–2800 – and ask for your Senator. You can find your Senator at <http://www.nysenate.gov/> Urge your Senator to call the Governor and tell him to fund his \$15 minimum wage.**
3. **Assembly switchboard (518) 455-4100 – and ask for your Assemblymember. You can find your Assemblymember at <http://assembly.state.ny.us/> Urge your Assemblymember to call the Governor and tell him to fund his \$15 minimum wage.**

OR

4. **Go to IACNY.org to automatically send emails and find your local legislators to tell the Governor to fund his minimum wage proposal. Click Legislative Action, then click Get Involved.**

5. **Or send your own letter to:**

The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor of New York State
NYS State Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

THANK YOU!